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As instructed, last night we informed Lefevre and Spaak orally (through Rothschild) of substance President's speech on Cuba, and I am seeing Spaak this afternoon at 3:30 to discuss it with him.

Following Finletter's presentation to NAC last evening, De Staercke (Belgian NAC representative) telephoned Spaak urgently, informing him of steps we were taking and evidence we had of construction offensive missile sites in Cuba.

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Spaak is attending Ministerial meeting this morning of Six Common Market countries and Rothschild informs me Cuba is first item on agenda. Given Spaaks very considerable influence with other European countries and in light of presence in Brussels of Ministerial representatives of the "Six", any additional appropriate information which Department can send me before 3:30 this afternoon Brussels time could be most helpful not only in terms of my meeting with Spaak, but in consideration of his position and influence with other European leaders. ✓

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